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Minutes of a Meeting Held Wednesday May 22 at Det H

SUBJECT: Sextant and Driftsight Problems

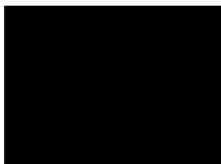
PRESENT:



In response to a message from Headquarters a meeting was held with the above mentioned people present to find out in detail what if any problems are in existence with the sextant and driftsight. They appear to be happy with the sextant and their only fault with the driftsight was that they would like to have more power to be able to better identify ground targets. They can now see any ground aircraft and identify fighters as opposed to bombers but cannot tell what kind of fighters or bombers they are looking at.

I promised to report this to you and see whether or not there was a possibility of conveniently increasing power by use of some sort of flip-in power changer.

I talked to both [REDACTED] about this and they are both afraid that they would be more liable to lose the intelligence they now get and feel as adequate, while trying to more closely identify some specific targets.



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Visit to Det [REDACTED] and Det G.

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Itinerary included one day visit with [REDACTED] at Hycon, six days at Det [REDACTED] three days [REDACTED] and two days Det G starting May 13 ending 25X1A/30.

[REDACTED] - One of the urgent problems there was thought to be driftsight fogging. We found that this fog is external only on the front section of the dome and is only profound at low level due to the low hanging clouds over the area at this time of year. A rapid ascent does not fog the dome where a slow ascent will. This fog will clear up in from one to two hours at altitude. The only solution would be the one suggested previously which is to place a pin in front of the dome to disturb the air before it reaches the front surface as any protrusions might obscure the driver's vision of the pitot tube.

Tracker - The tracker and associated equipment were found in good condition and the two malfunctions which we had about the time I arrived were caused by an intermittent scan solenoid. An engineer's bulletin will be issued concerning the proper solenoid settings.

Other - (A) Request that either a blank hatch be fit with heaters and blowers or a surplus (a) hatch be substituted for training and missions where just a tracker is used.

(B) I supplied a couple of sample templates to the Pi's in the local processing area and promised to send more through the Detachment.

(C) There seems to be a supply problem in areas other than the actual mission equipment and Joe has much difficulty in obtaining things from the commissary, such as furniture and so forth. He would like very much to be able to order furniture and other supplies through [REDACTED] Perhaps we could be raised from the bottom of the list in the commands that we have to deal with for such items.

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Everyone is a little unhappy because their commissary cards are only good for \$10 per month while they tell me that the local office has approved and issued cards for \$50 a month but these are being held by the site manager.

[REDACTED] - I had a long talk with one of the officers of this detachment and, of course, with [REDACTED] They face the usual problem of having to deal with two and three different commands which, of course, lead to many supply problems. The perennial fund shortage and, a shortage of personnel makes them slightly unhappy. They would like also to deal through [REDACTED] for their photographic supplies pertaining to this project and would also like better liaison so that they would know when delivery of material for processors has been delayed.

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Det G - All equipment here appears to be in good condition and they are now fully prepared for a two detachment operation if required. The offset hand control attachment is now being flight tested and the first indications are that accuracys should be pretty reasonable.

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They are somewhat unhappy about the conditions at their last detachment, particularly if the time lapses should be a month or longer as it was before. They would like very much to have this no drinking rule lifted since there is no cause in view of the deportment of this particular group. [REDACTED] is also in favor of having this restriction lifted.

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Summary - In general all equipment seems to be operating satisfactory and all [REDACTED] are planning to sign contracts for another year when they expire.

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